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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR DISTRICT FIVE**

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May 20, 2020, Concord, NH - Listed below are some of the items that were approved at the Governor and Council Meeting on May 20, 2020 that might be of interest to District Five constituents.

The next Governor and Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at the State House in Concord, NH.

[#8](#) Authorized to amend an existing contract with Achievement Therapy Services LLC, Laconia, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4-11-18, item #12), to provide physical therapy services to clients admitted to NH Hospital, by exercising a contract renewal option by increasing the price by \$190,000 from \$202,500 to \$392,500, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2022. 34% General, 66% Other Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

[#22](#) Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to amend a contract with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., (originally approved by G&C on 2-1-17, item #26), for preliminary design of improvements to US 202 at its intersection with NH 124 and NH 137 in the Town of Jaffrey, by **retroactively** extending the completion date from April 30, 2020 to August 31, 2020. No Additional Funding. **VOTE: 5-0**

[#28](#) Authorized the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with the Town of Rindge, in the amount of \$10,000 for the *Conservation Project* in the Town of Rindge, Cheshire County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2022. **100% Other Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#32](#) Authorized the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Five Rivers Conservation Trust, in the amount of \$20,000 for *Koerber Family Forest Conservation Easement* in the Town of Dunbarton, Merrimack County. Effective upon G&C approval through December 1, 2021. **100% Other Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#51](#) Authorized to award a Local Source Water Protection grant to the Town of Franconia, in the amount of \$10,000 to complete a project to protect public drinking water supplies. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2021. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#56](#) Authorize to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to the Piscataquog Land Conservancy, New Boston, in the amount of \$400,000 for the purpose of acquiring a 267-acre parcel of land located on Abbott Hill Road in the Town of Mason owned by Barbara B. DeVore Revocable Trust. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2020. **100% ARM Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#61](#) Authorized expenditures from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund with the public schools as detailed in letter dated April 30, 2020. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Drinking Water Trust Fund.**

[#62](#) Authorized the Bureau of Student Support to enter into an amendment to a contract with Creative Educational Consulting LLC, Hollis, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10-17-18, item #34), for training and support, by increasing the price by \$25,000 from \$160,000 to \$185,000 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020. **100% Federal Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

#70 Authorized consideration of whether the petition of Nicole Kasinskas (age 32) requesting a commuted sentence hearing for the offense of Attempted Second Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder should be granted. The petitioner is not eligible for an annulment.
VOTE: 4-1 (Gatsas)

[#76](#) Authorized the Division of Risk and Benefits to exercise the option to extend the contract with Anthem Health Plans of NH Inc., d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 11-8-17, item #84), for the administration of the medical benefit provided to state employees and retirees, by increasing the total amount by \$11,337,025 from \$44,596,000 to \$55,933,025. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2022. **42% General, 17% Federal, 4% Enterprise, 14% Highway, 1% Turnpike, 22% Other Funds. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Pignatelli abstained)**

[#77](#) Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract amendment with Turnstone Corporation, Milford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3-21-18, item #75), to increase the allowance for Steam Conversion at the State House, State House Annex, and State Library, in Concord, NH, in the amount of \$750,000 from \$8,149,000 to \$8,889,000. Effective upon G&C approval through March 15, 2021. **100% General Funds. VOTE: 5-0**

[#79](#) Authorized a Working Capital Warrant in the amount of \$1,440,291,542 to cover the payment of expenditures for the month of June 2020. **VOTE: 5-0**

The Governor nominated the following individuals to serve on State Boards and Commissions

Dana M. Call, Windham, NH, Accounting Services Director, Department of Administrative Services; Scott M. Krauchunas, Belmont, NH, Board of Optometry; Charles M. Arlinghaus, Canterbury, NH, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services; Tiffany J. Grade, Moultonborough, NH, Lakes Management Advisory Committee; Kevin H. Smith, Londonderry, NH, Pease Development Authority Board of Directors; Kate Cassady, Littleton, NH, State Board of Education; Ryan Terrell, Nashua, NH, State Board of Education; Steven A. Workman, Kittery, ME, State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation in NH

The Council confirmed the following individuals

William T. Guinn, Pembroke, NH Acting Director of the Division of Forest and Lands, State Forester
Heather S. McMahon, Pembroke, NH to the Board of Licensed Dietitians; Holly T. Noveletsky, Newfields, NH; Todd C. Emmons, New London, NH; Katharine Bogle Shields, Canterbury, NH; Sharon D. Harris, Exeter, NH; Tricia H. Lucas, Manchester, NH to the Community College System of New Hampshire; Nicole Plante, Peterborough, NH to the New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women Warden

The Executive Council welcomes public input on nominations that are brought forward by the Governor for consideration and confirmation to State Boards and Commissions.

If you have interest in serving on any of the 300+ State Boards or Commissions please send a letter of interest along with a resume, to Jonathan Melanson in care of the Governor's office.

A listing of the Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications required, can be found at <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>

Please feel free to contact me with concerns or support for any items we have on our agendas.

Amherst, Antrim, Bennington, Brookline, Deering, Dunbarton, Fitzwilliam, Francestown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hillsborough, Hollis, Hudson, Jaffrey, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Boston, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Richmond, Rindge, Sharon, Swanzey, Temple, Troy, Weare, Wilton, Windsor and the City of Nashua